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No. 1.

FORT ST. GEORGE 3D : JANRY : 1699.

TO THE RT : WORSPL : WILLIAM HATSELL.
ESQR : DEPTY GOVERNR OF FORT ST DAVID &CA COUNCILL.

SRS :

This morning ship Johanna Richard Rawls master arrived from Bengall by whom recd : a General Letter from the Agent &ca . dated 17th: past. By ye inclosed [. . .] of a par : thereof you'le perceive the ill treatment of all Europeans at Surrat, occasion'd by the pirates taken a ship bound from Moco to [the port] whereon were [66] Turks and many women of Quality, and a Cargoe value[d] at 25 lack rupees what orders the Mogull may give upon this occasion 't is Impossible for us to know. It behoves you and us to be upon our guard to prevent surprise for wch : occasion wee give you this timely advice. The Welfare will saile this day for your place. We [are]

Yor : affectionate ffreinds
THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMA[N].
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 2.

FORT ST : GEORGE 11TH JANRY : 1699.

TO THE RT : HONBLE : WILLIAM OOUTHOORN GENERALL
GOVERNR : OF ALL THE AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONBLE :
NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPA : IN INDIA
RESIDEING AT BATAVIA &CA COUNCILL OF INDIA.

SRS :

In ye year 1691 there was a Junck called ye Successfull adventure belonging to our [Compa : . . . wch] looseing her passage from Siam to Tonqueen [*about two lines lost*] was on Mr : Lemuel Blackmore their factor yt : Junck being very leaky & not capable of putting to sea againe without repaireing her

bottome, our Comp^{as}: factor endeavoured to procure leave of your Govern^{r}: there for y^{e}: carrying of y^{e}: goods w^{ch}: he could not obtaine but soon after hapned one night y^{t}: y^{e}: vessell prov'd so leaky that the men aboard her fearing she was sinking was forc'd to put y^{e}: goods into y^{e}: boats & send y^{m}: towards y^{e}: shoar (but wth: a [cau]tion not to land till leave were first obtain'd from your Governour, but meeting wth: your fiscalls boats they were seized on & y^{e}: Junck likewise w^{ch}: our sailors had halled ashoar to caulk and refitt her bottom was hall'd of by some of your seamen before they could accomplish y^{e}: same, and at that very time they plunder'd her of a considerable Vallue, for w^{ch}: wee have heard they were punish'd, but no restitution made. The contents of our Comp^{as}: concern wee here Inclose w^{ch}: wee are inform'd had been remitted to yor: Hon^{r}: from Malacca.

S^{rs}; wee hope y^{t}: yor: Hon^{r}: &c^{as}: Justice will rectifye y^{e}: Indiscretion of our Comp^{as}: factor if any o[n] his being unacquainted wth: y^{e}: customs of your port of Mallacca & y^{t}: you will not suffer any advantage to be taken for y^{e}: failings of y^{e}: servant to the masters prejudice besides wee hope y^{t}: y^{e}: strict alliance between our two Nations & hearty friendship between our two Comp^{as}: as well as your owne inclination to doe justice will induce you to return us those goods or y^{e}: amo^{t}: for w^{ch}: they [. . .] w^{ch}: wee desire may be delivered or paid [. . .] Holben Esqr: whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge soe wishing yor: Hon^{rs}: &c^{a}: all health and happiness. Wee remaine,

Yo^{r}: ffaithfull friends & humble servants.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS [ELLIS.]
ROGER BRADDYL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 3.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 20TH JAN^{RY}: 169$\frac{8}{9}$.

TO THE R^{T}: WORSP^{LL}: WILLIAM HATSELL
ESQ^{R}: DEP^{TY} GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL
ATT FFORT S^{T}: DAVID.

S^{RS}: -

Wee rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of y^{e} 3^{d}: & 11th instants in answere, to y^{e} former wee take notice what you write about the Moratta's comeing into those p^{ts}: at first they were represented to bee very formidable, but otherwise now, some skirmishes wee hear has bin, tis said y^{t}: Dydarbux the Mogu[ll] Grandson is comeing into these p^{ts}: if soe wee feare, wee shall have y^{e}: like troubles as they have had wth: him in Bengall who has stript the whole countrey.

Wee have had a great mortality amongst our Europe men soe cannot well spare any and wonder y^{t}: at ye same time you write for men you give leave wth: out knowledge for soe many of your men to ramble hither.

Wee dayly expect the Martha here and shall dispatch her hence in as few days as 'tis possible & desire you'le prepare to doe the same for their investment at Vizagapatam falls much short of w^{t}: wee expected [feareing the] quantity of Bales, [will not . . .] but wee dispond your number will [. . .] exceed [*About a line lost*] and to prevent the charges of sending the Bales hither wee intend that the Martha shall call on you.

Wee take notice of w^{t}; you write about Mollem's Ellephants w^{t}; our mulla discoursed wth; Dow'd Cawne was Coursory, & upon an accidental interview for that our orders was he should not soe much as owne himselfe to be our servant

Mahomod Hussen and all those Court parasites, wants a Vaqueele on this account w[ch] ; [you K]now must be very expensive to the Company & 'tis very doubtfull whether it succeeds. Yet as soone as y[s] : bustle is a little over wee will make a demand of these Ellephants.

Wee hope the Weavers &c[a] : Handycrafts that Selimon Cawn have drove from Porto novo will remaine w[th] : you w[ch] : will make some compensation for y[e] : injuries he has done.

Your three bills Viz[t] : to Nathaniel Higginson Esq[r] : for pag[s] : 120, John Styleman Esq[r] : 422 : 30 ; 4, M[r]: Chardin 300 pag[s] : are paid.

By yours of y[e] ; 11th; you advise of the receiveing the treasure & c[a] : by y[e] : Wellfare w[ch] : you say will enable you to buy Paddy when cheap when soe pray advise us thereof, that so wee may lay in a considerable stock for this place.

Your bill for 300 : pag[s] : to M[r] : Wright wee have paid and that to y[e] : Presid[t] : for 140 tho' no advise from you of y[e] : latter, and pray for the future have only regard to y[e] : Comp[a] : occasions for money and not to accomodateing [. . .] for private persons.

Wee desire you to returne us your answer to the paper here inclosed signed by our accomptant. Wee are,

S[rs] :

Yo[r] : Assured friends & servants.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 4.

FORT S[T] : GEORGE JAN[RY] : 22ND : 1699.

TO THE R[T] : WORSP[LL] : WILLIAM HATSELL ESQ[R] :
DEPUTY GOVERN[R] : &C[A] : COUNCILL ATT
FORT S[T] : DAVID.

S[RS] :

This day about noone the Martha arrived in y[s] road who wee shall endeavour to dispatch by this day seaven night to you so press you to use all immaginable dilligence to gett all you can ready to put aboard her as soon as she comes to your roade, wee depend upon 500 bales from you, and if you have any screws, pray see that the brown cloth be well pack'd to prevent complaints from y[e] : owners of the ship.

Wee shall in few days answere yours of the [*Lacuna in the original*] to us M[r] : Games's wife being very ill wee permitt him to come hither as soon as he pleases. Wee are,

S[rs] :

Yo[r] : Affectionate Friends and humble servants.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDY[LL].
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 5.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE 9TH FEB. 1698/9.

TO THE WORSP^LL^: WILLIAM HATSELL ESQ^R^:
DEPUTY GOVERN^R^: OF FORT S^T^:
DAVID &C^A^: COUNCILL.

S^RS^:

Wee have severall of yo^rs^: before us unanswered the bills you draw on us shall be paid and wee take notice w^t^: you write of the Morattas.

The wind here haveing bin severall days southerly and not knowing how long itt may continue Wee [desire] you upon receipt of this that if y^e^: wind stands southerly youle load all the Bales you have ready on the Briggantine and w^t^: other boats you can gett sending two souldiers in each boate w^th^: an order, that if the wind should take them short between yor: port and this, to returne to you againe for if y^e^: wind comes up n^o^: erly wee shall dispatch her to you about Wensday next wee are,

S^rs^:

Yo^r^: humble servants.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

Tappys are lay'd from hence to you.

No. 6.

FORT S^T^: GEORGE 4TH FEB^RY^: 1698/9.

TO M^R^: SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIFE FOR AFFAIRS OF
THE R^T^: HON^BLE^: ENG: EAST INDIA COMP^A^:
&C^A^: COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

S^RS^:

Ship Thankfull.

Wee rec^d^: yours of y^e^: 31st: Xber ℘ y^e^: Thankfull & y^e^: 14th Jan^ry^: by y^e^: Martha, after y^e^: dispatch of w^ch^: you promise to give us a full acco^t^: of M^r^: Dubois his business w^ch^: accordingly wee expect.

The Martha arriveing here y^e^: 22^d^: past brought us y^e^: Invoice and bill of Lading for 150 bales a number very short of w^t^: wee expected you formerly giveing us great hopes of the recovery of some debts standing yet due to ye R^t^: Honble: Comp^a^: w^ch^: wee hope would have bin recovered soe as to have made some addition to this years investment.

Wee have laden for the R^t^: Honble· Comp^a^: Acco^t^: on y^e^: Thankfull Captain Perrin, 24,000, rupees as ℘ Invoice & bill of Loading inclosed, Wee send you these rupees by y^e^: advice of your cheife correspondent M^r^: Chardin tho', it seems strange you should never advise us w^ch^: would be most for our masters Interest, whether Rupees, or pag^s^: so y^t^: if wee have erred in sending the former 'tis your fault.

Wee send you this money to make an investment for y^e^: ship we intend to dispatch hence in September next who wee intend to send to you in Aug^t^: and so to call at Metchlepatam by that ship or before, if we can spare it wee will send you some more money.

Wee formerly sent you the sorts the Rt: Honble: Compa: sent out of wch: sorts of goods they desire of ye: rest of wch: you never take notice, soe here inclose ye: coppys 'tis a good sortment required in our Europe marquetts. Beteelas must be fine & striped, and wt: is striped must be very small, all the white cloth well wash'd and packed.

Wee here send you six quire of paper large for books wee wish you could incourage us to send you some broad cloath, & lead, the Horse you sent on ye Martha [was] drown'd comeing ashoare, wee are.

yor: Loveing friends

Thomas Pitt.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.

List of ye pacqueit.

1. Genll: Letter dated 4th Febry: 1698/9.
2. Invoice of treasure ℘ ship Thankfull.
3. Bill of Ladeing for Ditto.
4. List of goods to be provided at ye Coast.

No. 7.

Fort St: George Feb. 4th: 1698/9.

To Messrs Lovell & Woolston,
Merchts: att Metchlepetam.

Srs.

Wee recd: yours by ye Thankfull & Martha the latter arrived ye 22d: past by wch: wee recd: yr: Invoice & bill of Ladeing for ye 40 bales you putt aboard for ye Rt: Honble: Compas: accot: amot: to pags: 8627 : 30 : wch: if prove good, Wee doubt not but that they will be acceptable to our masters wee had not time to take any of ye bales ashoar here to view them. ℘ Ship Thankfull.

Wee have laden on ye Thankfull Capt: Perrin goods & treasure to ye amot: of Pags: 6305 : 5 : 5 as ℘ bill of Ladeing & invoice inclosed consign'd to you for accot: of the Rt: H: Compa: for you to invest for ye Septr: Ship wch: we intend shall call on you as these comes from Vizagapatam. The freight agreed for ye lead is 20 Pags: for ye 100 Candy, halfe a paga ℘ bale for ye broad cloth & ¼ ℘ cent for the pagas:

Wee are sorry that Quallo Narso shod: fall so short of complying wth his obligation, wee shall think it a good peice of service if you can write to the Merchts: by wch: means youl'e not only prevent bad debts but alsoe be sure yt your investment be brought in time.

By ye first you carried hence you see wt: goods the Compy: expect wch: is cheifly variety of [chay] goods & paintings, in the former investment there should have bin more allejars, and we beleive those sort of pallampores you sent are not broad enough nor long enough. Wee hope you have considered how to provide good quantities of Necks: some white & some red stripes att ye ends 3½ Co: long & better then coved broad they must be twisted at the ends before washed and not twist in pts: as formerly.

Wee would have you provide some salpicadoes flowr'd & plaine & send us hither, as soon as possible a peice of each colour flowr'd & plaine you may buy some fine longcloth, from sixty to ninety pagodas ℘ corge some [issareis] & some perculases wee would have you gett ready a neat cargoe something of every

thing but mind y[t] your chints are made on fine cloth, & 10 p[s]: of a sort in a bale, twould doe very well if you would get y[m] to paint on long cloth of about 70, or, 80 pag[s]: ℘ corge makeing four p[ts]: of chint of a p[s]: of long cloth wee are,

Yo[r]: Loveing friends.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

1. Generall letter.
2. Invoice.
3. Bill of Ladeing.

No. 8.

FORT S[T] GEORGE 4TH FEB[RY]: 1698/9.

TO THE R[T]: WORSP[LL]: CHARLES EYRE ESQR.
AGENT &C[A] COUNCILL OF BENGALL.

S[RS]:

ship Thankfull. 1. Our last was dated y[e] 22[d] & 23[d] Sept[r] last since w[ch]: wee have rec[d]: yours of y[e] 18th November last 17 & 24 December last & one from Nathaniel Walsh, dated on board the Martha the 26th of Decemb[r]: w[th]: invoice & bill of Ladeing.

2. Wee are apprehensive of this countreys falling under y[e] same misfortune w[th]: Bengall, for report speakes of Didder bux (another of the Mogulls Grandsons, comeing into these parts, whom wee fear will quite ruine ye country, w[ch]: Zulphaker Cawn has already so much impoverish'd that cloth is both scarce and dear.

3. You adviseing to have contracted w[th]: Cajee Surhard Israel for Broadcloth &c[a] to ye Amo[t]: of 100,000 Rupees wee have in order to ye enabling you to comply w[th]: your contract (thô the price is very low, sent you by this ship Thankfull Capt Charles Perrin Commd[r]: sixty bales Broad cloth green amo[t]: as ℘ Invoice to pag[s]· 6157 : 18 : 0 :

4. Wee were not willing to adventure a greater quantity upon one ship but shall send you more by y[e] next good conveyance, if in y[e] mean time a better price is not offer'd for it here, wee have agreed y[e] freight at rupees 4⅛ ℘ bale.

5. The Martha did not arrive w[th]: us till 22[d]: January & brought noe more than 100 bales from Vizagapat[m]: & 40 from Metchlepat[m]: considering her late arriveall at y[e] time that must be spent in unladeing & Ladeing her, we doubt the season of the year will be soe far spent as to hazard her passage about y[e] Cape.

6. Wee depending upon you for a supply of packing Stuf, the not sending thereof proves a great disappointm[t]: to us, for wee can hardly procure sufficient wherew[th]: to Embaile our goods. Pray send us by y[e] next conveyance 4 bales Tenters, Gunneys, rope twine & match.

Wee shall never be free from troubles on acco[t]: of the pirates, till some effectuall method is taken to suppress them, wee have not rec[d]: any advice either from Bombay or Surrat concerning their confinements at Surrat, on acco[t]: of y[e] ship you mention, to be taken in her passage from Moco to Surrat.

What Silk worms you have hitherto sent us here have been all Dead before wee rec[d]: them but y[e] R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: having ordered us to encourage the

raiseing of a stock of silk worms at Fort St David wee desire youl'e send us some more, and for their [better] preservation inclose a paper of directions delivered us by M^{r}: Haynes. Wee are.

Yo^{r}: affectionate friends.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

P.S.—M^{r}: Haynes being now here we have demanded of him, his Debts to ye R: H: C: transferr'd by you to us, he tells us y^{t} he clear'd all acco^{ts}: in Bengall and desires ye perticulars, for w^{ch}: he is indebted w^{ch}: pray send.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

1. Generall Letter.
2. Invoice.
3. Bill of Ladeing.
4. M^{r}: Haynes's paper.

No. 9.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE FEB^{RY}: 22^{D}: 98/9.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: SAMUEL ANNESLEY
PRESID^{T}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT SURRATT.

S^{RS}:

Wee rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of ye 28 Decemb^{r}: and of Jan^{ry}: ye 10th instant [with] all ye papers mentioned [therein] as to ye strange Vicissitude of our masters affairs in England of w^{ch}: wee had a more particular acco^{t}: thereof by way of Anjengo, the Generall sending us a copy of ye R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: letters in July wth: ye abstract of the Act of Parliament &c^{a}: w^{ch}: wee hope in ye next session they will be able to repeale or that they will conjoyne otherwise two different interests appearing in these p^{ts}: will produce great confusion.

Wee are and will be unanimous here in secureing our masters interest and use our utmost endeavours to disappoint their adversaryes in order to it wee are makeing a very great investment. In this Presidency hopeing to be able to ship off hence the next year 3000 bales.

The 20th instant wee dispatch'd for England the Martha a full ship her Invoice amo^{t}: to pag^{s}: 118783 : 21 : 5 on w^{ch}: ship Govern^{r}: Yale took his passage wth: many others. She did not arrive here till ye 22^{d}: past from Bengall Loaden wth: graine since w^{ch}: wee have had noe news from y^{t} place soe can't advise you when they dispatch'd ye Tavestock and Ann.

The Husball Hookum yor: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: sent wee had it translated w^{ch}: wee think very severe and not [so] comply'd wth: nor can wee think they will insist upon it unless they resolve never to trade more.

The Mogull has lately sent into these parts his Grandson Dider Bux wth: an army who has had an interview wth: Nabob Zulphaker Cawn's son, [&] the King's chancellour [Asud]cawn, who wee beleive are in one & y^{e}: same interest, wee hope those army's will not come much nearer us, if they doe wee must expect the same obstructions to all trade as another of the Young Princes gave this year in Bengall.

Wee desire yor: Hon^{r}: &c^{a} to forward y^{s} letter inclosed to ye R^{t}: H. C and y^{t} youle advise y^{e}: Gen^{ll}: & Councill of Bombay what wee write you, from

whe[nce] wee have not rec^d^: one line since ye Presid^ts^: arriveall here wee wait w^th^: great impatience to hear y^t^: you are gott clear of all your troubles w^ch^: wee heartily wish [&] are,

S^rs^:

Yo^r^: Hon^rs^: &c^a^: most humble servants.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 10.

FORT S^T^ GEORGE, 22^D^: FEB^RY^: 169 8/9.

TO THE WORSP^LL^: JOHN BRABOURNE
COMODORE &C^A^ COUNCILL ATT ANJENGO.

S^RS^:

Yo^rs^: of y^e^: 16th past wee rec^d^: y^e^: 9th instant w^th^: ye papers inclosed according to y^e^: List, wee doubt not but y^e^: Dutch have some designe in furnishing pepper at easie rates, by w^ch^: means, if they cause us to leave our settlements they will be y^e^: better able to ingross it and afterwards put their own prizees.

The Martha arrived here from Bengall y^e^: 22^d^: past Laden w^th^: grain, y^e^: 20th: instant wee dispatch'd [hence] a full ship for England, her Invoice amo^ts^: to pag^s^: 118783 : 21 :5 Govern^r^: Yale and severall others are gone home upon [her.] Wee as yet have had noe advice from Bengall of their dispatching ye Tavistock and Anna. Wee are,

S^rs^:

Yo^r^: affectionate friends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG^R^: BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 11.

FORT S^T^: GEORGE, 28TH: FEB^RY^: 169 8/9.

TO THE R^T^: WORSP^LL^: WILLIAM HATSELL,
ESQ^R^: DEPUTY GOVERN^R^: &C^A^: COUNCILL
ATT FORT S^T^: DAVID.

S^RS^:

Some time since Padre Paulo de Soa delivered a petition setting forth y^e^: great injustice done him in being putt of being Padre at Cuddalore & has lately importun'd us for an answere to ye s^d^: petition ye copy of w^ch^: wee here inclose and desire you to inquire into ye truth of w^t^: he asserts therein.

And whereas 'tis said that ye cheife cause of putting him out was for owneing that his dependency was on ye Bishop of S^t^: Thoma, and y^t^ by the authority of ye same hee held the Vicarship of Cuddalore w^ch^: Padre Paulo, in p^t^: confesses & y^t^ his dependance on ye Bpp: was only in matters of Religion, but w^t^: related to Govern^t^: he was intirely under ye direction of ye Govern^r^: and never did threaten any of his flock w^th^: Excommunication, or anathema's for paying intire obedience to ye same, or use any sort of means to seduce them from itt.

Padre Paulo alsoe produces ye inclosed certificates sign'd by severall of your inhabitants that the Incumbent Padre before he could exercise [his] holy function, Published a licence he had from ye Bpp: for doeing ye same, as to wch: wee desire you to enquire & make ye report to us.

Wee have been also informed yt the present Padre, has presum'd to prohibite those of ye Ro[man] Religion to pay due obedience to our governmt: commanding them in all matters of differences to make application to him, as to ye verifying of wch: wee desire of you to [. . .] as also in all other matters relateing to these two Padrees to enable us ye better to make a true Judgment who is most fitting for ye place.

Wee send you by Mr: Haynes five thousand pags: and will send you to ye same amot: as soon as wee can tell wt: rupees are in ye warehouse wch: is all [wee] shall be able to spare you till ye arriveall of the ships wch: wee expect will be early therefore wee desire you to mannage itt, soe as yt you may be able to make a large investment at your place.

The sorts that the Rt: Honble: Compa: desires wee sent you ye list out of wch: wee desire you to make a good sortment as your country will afford particularly wee recommend to you neckcloths of wch: wee have given Mr: Haynes a muster some of them to be white stripes, & some red, but they must all be twisted wch: your Peons & Idlers may doe.

Wee advised you yesterday that the Danes at Trincombarr, being streightly beseidged and [in] danger of looseing that place had made application [to] us for our assistance wch: for severall considerations, we have thought fitt to send them a company of [foote] four gunners ammunition of all sorts upon ye Sedgwick who is ordered to call in her returne at your Port on whom wee desire you to loade for this place all the Rt: Honble: Compas: bales you have or can gett ready by yt time.

Wee have severall letters of yours by us unanswered, wch: in few dayes wee will peruse and take notice of wt: has hitherto bin omitted, and will send you coppy's of those letters, wee recd: from Anjengo & Surratt. Wee are,

Srs:

Yor: affectionate friends,

Thomas Pitt.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.

No. 12.

Fort St. George 28th Febry: 169$\frac{8}{9}$.

To the Worspll: Matt. Mildmay
Deputy Governr &ca Councill
att York Fort.

Srs:

Our last to you was dated 13th: Octobr: 1698 ℘ ship Thorndon (copy whereof comes inclosed by wch: ship wee sent you money, stores, & souldiers & hope you have fitted her up wth: pepper & dispatch'd her time enough to save her passage. recd: ℘ ketch Abednego.

She not having recd: any advices from you since July last was ye chief reason of our sending ye: ketch Abednego, whom wee have hired on freight according to ye: inclosed terms of agreemt: we desire you'l use your utmost endeavours to lade her wth: pepper & dispatch her to us so as to arrive time enough to help to fill the ship, wee shall send home in September as [also] to prevent demorage.

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On y^e^: 9th: instant wee rec^d^: coppies of the Comp^s^: overland letters to Bombay dated y^e^: 8th: & 19th: July last, wherein they advise that an Act of Parliament had passed, w^ch^: intitles a Comp^a^: of Merch^ts^: by y^e^: name of a Society to y^e^: sole trade of the East Indies after y^e^: Expiration of three years. The resolution of a Generall Court of adventurers, wherein they resolve to send out a considerable number of ships and a proportionable stock & that they had subscribed 315000 £ to y^e^: new stock & that they had hopes to get y^e^: said Act repealed at y^e^: sitting of y^e^: new Parliament w^ch^: was to meet in Agu^t^: by whom wee hope the new subscribers, and ye old society will be united in one generall stock and setled by Act of Parliament w^ch^: will be a means to prevent that confusion & disorder w^ch^: two Interest carryed on at one and ye same time must produce but w^t^: ye Issue may be is uncertaine wee therefore injoyne you to a faithfull discharge of your Duty to those who are your masters Industriously to persue their interest and not to hearken to any offers that may be made you by their adversaries let their pretences be never so specious whereof you cannot give a better demonstration then by securing 3 (or) 4000 Baharr of pepper for ye Lading such ships as may be sent to your place directly from England or [from hence] w^ch^: will undoubtedly be esteem'd by our M^ers^: a good piece of service and rewarded accordingly & tho' by y^e^: vessell wee cannot send you such supplies as wee would, Wee shall take care to send you sufficient stock by y^e^: next conveyance and in y^e^: meantime would [have] you draw Bills upon us for what sums procureable. Wee doe expect ships out very early when they arrive to send on to you kintillag'd w^th^: saltpetre &c^a^: & 3: or 400 bales to be filled up w^th^: pepper by whom wee shall send a large stock. The Master & mate of ketch Abednego, have three tons priviledge, wee would have you spare them that quantity of pepper they paying y^e^: Comp^s^: Duty of one penny ℘ pound, also to give them w^t^: assistance you can when they request of you, Inclosed is Invoice & bill of Ladeing of ketch Abednego Amo^t^: to pag^s^: 1584: 3: 3: Wee are,

Yo^r^: Loveing friends.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF Y^E^: PACQUETT.

1. Gen^ll^: Letter to York Fort dat^d^. y^e^: 28th: Feb^ry^: 169$\frac{8}{9}$.
2. Copy of a Gen^ll^: Letter to Ditto dat^d^: 13th: Octob^r^: 1698.
3. Copy of a Gen^ll^: Letter to Priamong dat^d^: 13th: D^o^. 1698.
4. Invoice of ketch Abednego.
5. Bill of Ladeing of Ditto.
6. Terms of Agreem^t^: for y^e^: freightm^t^: of ketch Abednego.

No. 13.

TO M^R^: JOHN SLAUGHTER M^ER^:
OF KETCH ABEDNEGO.

Having laden aboard your ketch w^t^: design'd for York Fort, wee order you upon rec^t^: hereof to repair aboard your ketch & w^th^: y^e^: first oppertunity of wind & weather to weigh Anchor sett sayle & make y^e^: best of your way for y^e^: most speedy attaineing of York Fort, Bencoolen, where when arrived you are to deliver our pacquett herew^th^: delivered you as directed to y^e^: Worsp^ll^: Matt: Mildmay Deputy

Govern^{r}: &c^{a}: Councill to whom you goe consign'd & whose [. . .] to follow, for your unladeing lading and further proceeding. Wee wish you a good Voyage & date these in Fort S^{t}: George this third day of March 169$\frac{8}{9}$.

T.P.
J.S.
W.F.
F.E.
R.B.
T.W.
M.E.

No. 14.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE, MARCH 2, 169$\frac{8}{9}$.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: CLAUS VOOGT GOVERN^{R}:
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE ROY^{LL}: DANISH
COMP^{A}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT TRINCOMBARR.

S^{rs}:

Wee rec^{d}: yor^{s}: acquainting us of yor: Garrison being strictly beseidged by y^{e} king of Tanjore, upon unjust pretences occasioned by y^{e} Death of y^{e} Viridore Vannague & not in ye least doubting but that the cause is hon^{ble}: & just, wee have here unanimously sent you all manner of supply's y^{t}: wee are capable of affording the number of Europe men, should have bin far great^{r}: but that wee have lost many by sickness this last six months ye list of men Ammunition & provisions come here inclosed & wish that they may doe yor: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: Service answerable to ye good intent wth: w^{ch}: wee send them.

S^{rs}:

Wee desire yor Hon^{r} ; &c^{a} : y^{t} : as soon as ye men are Landed, & y^{t} you have taken w^{t} : necessary for your occasions out of ye ship y^{t} yow will return her to us, desireing y^{t} wee may ha e frequent advices from you how you succeed in this trouble some affair assureing you y^{t} our hearty wishes, are for an hon^{ble} : conclusion of itt and y^{t} not only in regard of ye strict alliance between ye two crowns of England, & Denmark but also y vallue wee have for yor : Roy^{ll}: Comp^{s} : interest as well as ye Hon^{r} : an esteeme wee have [. . .] will induce [. . .] to contribute our utmost to reinstate you in ye former peace & tranquillity. Wee recommend Capt^{t} : Delgardner to yor : favour & the rest of our Officers hopeing by their good service they will deserve it.

Wee must request of you that whereas there are severall boats belonging to our inhabitants here in your Enemy's country & places adjacent that if any of ye ships Vessells or boats should meet wth : any of them Youl'e treat them as belonging to yor : freinds. Wee wish yor : Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : all health & prosperity & good success answereable to your owne expectation & our desires, wee are,

Yo^{r} : Hon^{rs}: &c^{a} Affectionate freinds & servants

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 15.

TO CAP^{T} : GEORGE WESLEY, COMMD^{R} :
OF SHIP SEDGWICK.

Wee having hired your ship to carry men ammunition & provisions to Trincombarr whereof their is laden aboard soe much as designed, Wee order you

upon rec^t: hereof to repair aboard your ship weigh, anchor, sett saile & make ye best of your way for ye most speedy attaineing the port of Trincombar, where when arrived you are to deliver, all or such part of the ammunition & provisions as the Govern^r : & Counc^ll : there shall desire in doeing whereof wee desire you to be expeditious w^ch : when effected, you are to set saile & for [*About a line lost*] to take [in . . .] Govern^r : & Councill shall lade aboard you for this place, If the men wee have put aboard you^r : ship shall have occasion for any rice, wee desire you'le [give] them soe much as their Commd^r : shall require takeing his rec^t : for ye same, for w^ch : wee will pay you at your returne wee wish you a good voyage, & date these in Fort S^t . George this 3^d : day of March 1698/9.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 16.

FORT S^T : GEORGE, 3^D : MARCH 169 8/9.

TO THE WORSP^LL : MATT : MILDMAY,
DEPUTY GOVERN^R OF YORK FORT &C^A COUNCILL.

S^RS :

This serves only to inclose copy of M^r : James Sowdons acco^t : stated by two of this Councill, wherein there are some particulars as mention'd in said acc^t : w^ch : cannot be determin'd here being translated at York Fort. Pray lett ye matter be carefully examin'd and an impartiall aco^t : thereof remitted us, that both the R^t H. C. & M^r : Sowdon may have Justice done them, wee are,

Yo^r : affectionate freinds,
THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 17.

FORT S^T ; GEORGE, 8TH MARCH 169 8/9.

TO M^R: SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIFE
&C^A COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

S^RS :

Yo^rs: of ye 23^d : of January last wee [Recd] by ship Fleetwood & y^e : 1000 p^s : gunn's [*About two lines lost.*] they advice the passing of an Act of Parliam^t ; w^ch ; gives ye sole trade of ye East Indies after the Expiration of three years to a Comp^a ; of Merch^ts : by ye name of a Society but that they had hopes of getting said Act repeal'd att ye sitting of the new Parliament w^ch : was to meet in Aug^t : that they had subscribed £ 315,000 to ye new stock wee also rec^d : copy of the Resolution of a Gener^ll ; Court of adventurers wherein t'was unanimously resolved to send out a considerable number of ships & proportionable stocks, whether said Act may be repealed or not, or whether the new subscribers, and ye old Comp^a ; may be united in one generall joynt stock is uncertaine. But it behoves us in faithfullness to those who are our M^ers : to promote their interest by all prudent ways, w^ch ; y^t wee really designe

wee can't give a better testimony of, than by procureing a large quantity of goods of ye severall sorts mention'd in their List and by such methods as seem best to secure their priviledges & prevent their adversary's makeing any Investm^{ts}: the most probable means for effecting the latter seem's to us to be by keeping ye weavers fully & constantly employ'd, and that you may doe itt, wee shall so soone as wee are able send you soe much money as you think you can Invest this year. By this ship wee have sent you 6,000 rupees for w^{ch}: Invoice & Bill of Ladeing comes inclosed. Wee must remind you of your utmost endeavours to get in w^{t}: Debts to the Comp^{as}: are standing out ship Humphrey & Charles is just arrived by whom have received your Generall Letter dated 7th. February wth: your answere to M^{r}: Dubois's [*About two lines lost* .] to make application to joyne wth: [our] masters [. . .] at home.

Wee observe w^{t}: you write about ye impeedeing our Europe goods goeing custome free [up] ye countrey w^{ch}: renders them not soe vendable as [for] to facilitate w^{ch}: ye Presid^{t}: has wrote him a lre (translate of w^{ch}: comes here inclosed & wee send him a present [of] about pag^{s}: 100 ye particulars of w^{ch}: wee referr you to the Invoice, wee all judging it more for ye Comp^{as}; interest to purchase his freindship now y^{n} deferr it till he sees wee have a necessity for it so would have you deliver him ye present as soon as you receive it unless you have good reasons to ye contrary.

Whereas you could not effect ye sending up of M^{r}; Noden hither wee think it ye Comp^{as}: interest at this present to take him into ye service for that undoubtedly if any Interlopers or others should come to yor: port he would be capable of doeing great prejudice to the Comp^{as}: affairs, for having Lived many years at that place he must be well acquainted wth: all ye Merch^{ts}: whose integrity must not be too much depended on, for altho' you have 'em under a Contract, yet if any one comes wth: ready money, & offers them something more they will most certainly disappoint you of your investment besides M^{r}: Noden will be able to advise strangers how to make application to ye Govern^{rs}: for ye better negotiating their affairs to prevent w^{ch}: evils wee order y^{t} you [allow . . .].

Your loveing friends,
Thomas Pitt.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt. Empson.

No. 18.

Fort S^{t}: George 14th Mar^{ch} 1698/9.

To Messrs: Lovell & Woolston Merch^{ts}:
att Metchlepatam.

S^{rs}:

Wee rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of ye 26th: past, and are very glad y^{t} you have united ye Merch^{ts}: w^{ch}: at this time will be a great service to ye Comp^{a}: and if there be any more standing out that are capable of giveing assistance to Interlopers or any other ships that shall come to yor: port opposite to our masters interest, wee desire you would use your endeavours to conjoyne them wth: yor: other Merchants.

From Surrat wee are now to advise you y^{t} on ye 9th: past wee rec^{d}: copy's of ye R. H. Comp^{s} letter w^{ch}: came overland dated in July last acquainting us y^{t} their adversarys had obtain'd an Act of Parliam^{t}: for ye settling of ye East India trade w^{ch}: is by a Genn^{ll}: subscription of two millions, as a lone to ye Governm^{t}: unto w^{ch}: our Masters have subscribed 315000£ to preserve their right of tradeing to these

parts after ye expiration of three years, when by Act of Parliamt: they are to terminate as a Compa: & the new subscribers are to commence trading hither from ye 29th: of Septbr: last soe yt wee may reasonably expect some of their ships on this coast in few mons: before wch: wee would advise you to secure a good interest wth: ye Merchts: & ye Govr: [*About a line lost.*] for ye future over & above ye 5 ₽ ct: to yor: selves and yt you also give him an accomodation in ye ffactory he first takeing ye oath of fidelity to ye Compa: wch: comes inclos'd in another letter for yt Mr: Noden is not to see this here also comes inclos'd a letter from ye Presidt: to Mr: Noden of wch: wee advise ye writeing.

Wee here send you pags: 5000 wch: you must mannage so as to secure ye Investmt: to yt amot: of ye list you sent us, for yt wee shall not be able to send you any more money till ye arriveall of our Europe ships wch: wee expect to be very early this year when shall send you a very large & plentifull supply, wee would have you procure a large quantity of chay goods & chints & wt: ever you buy of Beeteelas let ym: be very fine & as great a quantity of Neck cloths as possible.

Wee recommend to your frequent perusuall ye Rt: H. Compas: list of wt: goods they desire wch: you carried hence wth: you & yt you will order matters so as to get about 50 bales ready about ye begining of August when shall send you a ship to take them in her passage way to Vizagapatam.

Wee recd: ye 2 ps: of salpicadoes and expect a ps: wth: flowers of wch: wee would have you gett 2 or 3 bales & it would be much better, if you would bring them to paint on fine longcloth as formerly directed.

Wee have reason to give some credit to ye Surratt news you were advised of by ye Dutch but hope 't'will not affect us in these parts when ever you have any [*About a line lost . . .*] pattamar pray [send] to us.

Wee are inform'd ye Govr: [of your Fort] is a near relation of ye Seer Lascarrs, wth: whom Mr: Holcombe pretends a very great interest to whom wee would have you write to procure his letter to yor: Governr: (and send it you to deliver him, to be aiding & assisting to you in yor: business. Wee are,

Srs:

Yor: Loveing freinds.
THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF YT PACQUETT.

1. Generall lre dated 14th March 1698/9.
2. Copy of said lre to Mr Noden.
3. Copy of Translate of ditto lre to y Governr of Metchlepatam.

No. 19.

FORT ST: GEORGE 14TH MAR. 1698/9.

To MR: PHILLIP NODEN.

Sr:

Since my arriveall here I have recd: severall lres from you & had sooner answer'd 'em but that I have been in a hurry of business from ye time I came hither.

Old acquaintance has often occasion'd my having you in my thoughts wch: at last has produced this Effect yt I have prevailed wth: the Councill here to admitt you into ye mannagemt of ye Rt: H. Comps: affairs at Metchlepatam, & accordingly wee have wrote in our Genll: letter to Mrs: Lovell & Woolston, who are to pay you 1 ₽ cent on all future investments wch: wee designe to be very considerable this is wt [I can doe] for you at present, but intend in a little time much more for yor advantage.

I hope you will give such large Demonstrations of yor: dilligence & integrity so as to prevent any inconveniencies y^{t} may fall upon us for being yor: friend there will be tendered you by Mr Lovell an Oath of fidelity to ye Comp^{a}: w^{ch}; is taken by all their servants w^{ch}: I not only expect to be done by you but be nicely kept in all respects, I recommend a hearty friendship between Messrs Lovell, Woolston & yor: selfe in w^{t} ever I can serve you, you may depend on,

S^{r}:

Yo^{r}: assured freind & humble
servant.
THOMAS PITT.

No. 20.

FORT S^{T} GEORGE 14TH MARCH 1698/9.

To MESS^{RS} LOVELL & WOOLSTON MERCH^{TS}:
ATT METCHLPPAT^{M}:

S^{rs}:

Wee recd: yo^{rs}: of ye 26th: past and well approve of yor: uniting ye merch^{ts}: & hope twill be a means for Quollo Narso's speedy complyance wth: his contract.

The list of goods ye Merch^{ts}: promise to provide in 2 mon^{s}: wee very well approve of, but can't supply you at present wth: more y^{n}: 5000 pag^{s}; w^{ch}: wee now send you on ye Wellcome Capt: Dixon Comm'd^{r}: as ℘ Invoice & bill of Ladeing inclosed, but upon ye arriveall of ye first Europe shipp wee will send you a large & plentifull supply at least pag^{s}: 15000 & hope you'le mannage affairs so as to gett 50 bales of all sorts of goods ready by ye begining of Augt chay goods & paintings & Neckcloths are chiefly wanted in England, w^{t}: Beteelas you provide let them be very fine, as also any other white cloth, wee doe not observe y^{t} ye Comp^{a}: in their instructions desire any fine sallampores brown, 'tis variety of goods turns to ye best acco^{t}: & desire you will not forget to get 2 or 3 bales of Salpicadoes flowr'd & plaine.

Wee here send you a present for the Govern^{r}: to ye amo^{t}: of abo^{t} pag^{s}: 100 w^{ch}: wee hope will induce him to be freindly to you and grant us our antient priviledges. Wee observe w^{t}: you write ab^{t} the merch^{ts}: refuseing to pay Dustore w^{ch}: wee wonder at, it being as due as ye goods for w^{ch}: they receive our money, the paym^{t}: of w^{ch}: wee never heard was scrupled by any Merch^{ts}: before therefore wee order you to insist upon it & bring it to ye Comp^{s}: acco^{t}: let all ye goods be excellent good of ye sort, well wash'd, well packed, & bought as cheap as possible.

Wee have thought fit to entertain M^{r}: Phillip Noden in ye Comp^{s}: service whose long liveing upon ye place must wth: out doubt have gain'd him great experience in ye goods, & trade of those parts & wee intending as large investm^{ts}: as you can well compass, wee hope his assistance will be of greate use & service to our masters, and as a present consideration till wee can doe better for him, wee order you to allow him one ℘ cent on all future investm^{ts}: and on accommodation in the factory hopeing y^{t} his integrity and dilligence will answere this our kindness but before you entertaine him, you must administer to him an oath of fidelity to ye Company w^{ch}: is taken by all their servants (copy of w^{ch}: comes here inclosed) wee are,

Yo^{r}: Loveing ffreinds.
THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS [WRIGHT].
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT—.

No: 1. Genl: lre dated 14th: March 1698/9.
2. Invoice of treasure laden on board Wellcome.
3. Bill of Ladeing for Ditto.
4. Presidts: Lre to Mr: Noden.
5. Copy of ye form of ye oath to be taken by Mr Noden.
6. Presidts: lre to ye Governr of Metchlepatam.

No. 21.

FORT ST: GEORGE 14TH MARCH 98/9.

TO BORAN SAIB SON OF ABDULA SAIB
GOVERNR OF METCHLEPATAM.

'Twas ye fame of yor: good Governmt: as being an incourager & protector of trade induced me to send 2 persons to yor: port to inquire into ye state of trade of wch: they have given me an accot: as having made some tryall thereof, ye goods of yor: country seem excessive dear wch: is in some measure mitigated by yor: kind usage of wch: I desire yor: continuance, and yt you'le restore our antient priviledges wch: was to have all our goods custome free in & out & wt: goods wee imported to be carried up in ye countrey free of custome. I remember 25 years agoe, or thereabouts yr: port was ye greatest place of trade in India, & hope by yr: incouragemt: to see it soe againe as an acknowledgmt: of yor: favours & as a congratulation of ye late marriage yt has bin in ye family I have sent you a present wch: Mr: Lovell & Woolston will deliver you to whom I desire yor: assistance & remain,

Yor: reall freind & servant:
THOMAS PITT.

No. 22.

FORT ST: GEORGE 18: MAR: 1698/9.

TO THE WORSPLL: ABRAHAM WITTMONT
CHEIF FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT: HONBLE: NETHERLDS:
EAST INDIA COMPA: &CA: COUNCILL.

Srs:

Yor: Letter wee recd: by our Peons who brought hither ye two run away souldiers, Wee returne you our hearty thanks for yor: kind assistance in seizing them and doe assure you upon all occasions wee shall readily retaliate the favour therein done to our Compa: and,

Yor: ready freinds & humble servants.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 23.

FORT ST: GEORGE 21ST: MAR: 1698/9.

TO THE HONBLE: MONSR: MARTIN DIRECTORE GENERALL
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT: HONBLE: EAST INDIA COMPA:
OF FRANCE &CA: COUNCILL RESIDEING ATT POLLICHERRY.

Srs.:

Wee heartily congratulate yor: returne to Pollicherry & yt: yor: Honr: &ca is now in quiett possession of yt place,, you lost by ye uncertaine fate of Warr and whereas peace begetts warr & warr peace, wee hope the latter will be preserved between ye two Nations for some ages, and that wee in these remote parts from our Native Countrey will on all occasions give to each other such ample Demonstrations of an unfeigned friendship suitable to the strict alliance between the two crowns.

Wee not only give you ye assurances of our services by this letter, but also send Messrs: Haynes & Farmer two of our Councill at Fort St. David to congratulate yor: restoration & receive yor: commands. Wee wish yor: Honr: &ca: all health & happiness and are,

Srs:

Yor affectionate friends & humble servants.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 24.

FORT ST: GEORGE, MARCH 24TH 1698/9.

TO THE RT: WORSPLL: WILLIAM HATSELL ESQR:
DEPUTY GOVERNR &CA: COUNCILL.

SRS:

Wee now send you an answere to sevll: of yors: wt: wee omitted in our former letters in yors: of ye 7th you desired ten or twelve Teak timbers wch: shall be sent you as soon as an oppertunity presents for sending them.

Wee expect one of ye Rt Honble: Comps: sloops from Bengall, who wee suppose may make yor: port in their way hither out of wch: would have you supply yor:selves wth: wt: you want Vizt: wheat, Gunny's ropes, twine & Match as for waxcloth wee expect none having store here out of wch: wee will supply you.

Wee would have you remember that there is no match in ys garrison nor packing stuf so that wee shall expect our proportion of wt: comes.

The quantity of minion shot you write for shall be sent you as soon as possible Jaggery happen'd to be dear this year, from 6 Pags to 7 pa: ₱ candy there having bin but little imported from ye Northward ys season Wee observe wt you [write] about ye building of a [ravelin] between ye 2 points of Cuddalore & Vizapore point wch: [if] it be so indispensably necessary as you represent it wee cannot avoid giveing our approbation for doeing it tho' wee would desire to remember our masters frequent orders that wee should spend no more of ye cash in fortifications.

Since writeing ye foregoing By the Briggantine who is arrived here wee shall send Thompson to be an assistant to Mr: Joseph Royer who you have entertained as Surgeon in ye room of Dr: Faucett.

Wee here send you ye Assay Mrs: report of ye 17 Pags: you sent us ye 17th March last.

Wee recd: yors: of ye 17th & 21st Inst: ye latter adviseing ye arriveall of ye Sedgwick wth: you from Trincombarr, wch: wee expect here in few days.

With this wee send you Copy's of ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: overland lres & ye abstract of the Act of Parliamt: wee recd: from Surratt, by wch: you'le see under wt: circumstances our Masters affairs are in at home & their resolutions thereon, upon wch: ye Presidt: and Councill here have resolved upon makeing as large an Investmt: as possible in this Presidency to ye end wee may secure all ye Merchts: and make early preparations for ye number of ships the Compa: intends to send us by wch: means the adverse party whose ships may reasonably be expected will be disappointed of makeing any considerable investments & prevent their returning in season soe that our Master's [effects] will come to ye better marquett wch: may induce ye other party to conjoyne wth: them.

Wee observe wt: you write about Milapa Chittee & Eram Rause their proposalls & approve of ye method of their bringing in goods afterwards to receive ye amot.: of ye same wch: wee advise you to conclude wth: 'em but to agree upon for ye intrinsick vallue of each sort & not by way of advance & proportion as formerly, by wch: means our Masters will be inform'd of ye reall vallue of all sorts of goods & according to this method, wee have made here this years investment.

Att present wee intend to agree for an Investmt: at yor: place but of 60,000 pags: wch: wee must desire you to mannage soe as that about 10,000 Pags: may secure it & carry it on till ye arriveall of ye first ship from England for your cash here grow's very low, having considerable supplys to Metchlepatam & Vizagapatam, to keep all doeing.

Yor: Bill for Pags: 1,200 payable to Nathl: Higginson Esqr shall be comply'd wth: Wee are also advised by our spy Braminy in ye camp of ye report yt: Selimon Cawn is speedily to be removed from ye Governmt: of Chellumbrum, wch: will be no unwellcome news to us.

Wee observe wt: you write relateing to ye Dutch & French at Pollicherry, ye latter wee think act ye prudent part, for wee beleive if ye Towns were in their hands ye Nabob would undoubtedly, make demands upon them, & the Dutch will hereafter part wth: them at easie rates, when they see they are a Dead charge to them. We here send you a congratulatory letter to Monsr: Martin & Councill, copy of wch: comes inclosed wch: wee desire you to send by Messrs: Haynes & Farmer & some body wth it yt speak's French.

If the Governr: of Negapatam should come to Pollicherry, wee think it necessary you should send two of yor: Councill to return him our Complement insisting upon ye excuses wee formerly made wch: was the wet season of ye year & ye differences wee had wth: Selimon Cawn, whose Countrey ye Gentlemen wee intended to have were seen to pass through.

Wee here inclose a noate of what you had out ye stores here wch: wee desire may be collected & brought to our creditt.

Wee recd: a letter dated ye 2d instant from Governr: Hatsell intimating to us his intentions of surrendring the Governmt: in order to make preparations for his Voyage to England & requesting of us to appoint one to Succeede him, wch: having considered, Wee have Elected Mr: William Fraser To be Deputy Governour of Fort St: Davids, who will depart hence as soon as he can conveniently settle his affairs here wch: if it be not wth: in ye time, Mr: Hatsell has fixed for his comeing away, Wee order yt: Mr: John Hatsell receives the Governmt: from him & acts as Deputy Govr: till the arriveall of Mr: Fraser.

Wee also give leave for Vincaty to come away getting some body to act as Dubash till wee shall appoint a propper person from hence. M^{r}: Farmer [and] M^{r}: Rowland, have leave to come hither if you think fitt, and that their business will permitt them.

Wee here send you a list of w^{t}: Goods wee have already agreed for wth: our Merch^{ts}: & their prizes & would desire you to peruse ye Comp^{s}: list sent you, and if yor: place affords different sorts from ours wee would have you make a good part of yor: Investm^{t}: therein, [comm :...] wee have none, & succatomes [*sic*] [. . .] wee have agreed for but one thousand p^{s}: soe y^{t} you may add some more of y^{t}: sort, Wee send you here two musters of Neck^{s}: twisted at the Ends. that of ye red, wee have not yet agreed for & the other white striped is an Experim^{t}: made of 100 : Pag^{s}: worth by the Presid^{t}: w^{ch}: come out at about 18 for a pag^{a}: You'le see in ye Comp^{as}: instructions they mention ye thick sort, but that number for a pag^{a}: can't be expected not only for ye dearness of cotten but ye length & breadth is considerably more then t'was then, Wee would desire you to get as considerable a quantity as possible you can, fine, course, red stripes, & some white, but lett all be twisted at the ends, and whereas you Dye ye best blew's wee would have you Dye 3000 of the Long cloth & 2000 of the Sallampoors, a deep blew the Comp^{a}: has order'd no more shirts to be sent them.

When Messrs: Haynes and Farmer goes to Pollicherry wee would have them after their having bin sometime there acquaint Monsr: Mart[in] the agreem^{t}: that was between us & the Dutch relateing to Deserters and Demand three of our Men w^{ch}: have lately deserted and gone thither [. . .] their names and Lewis [. . .] Thomas Munro, John Gorden, two of 'em wee are inform'd are aboard the Admirall and the other ashoar if they are delivered up secure them till further order.

About 4 mon^{s}: since there was a black fellow sent hither by you in Irons, he lies still in ye choultrey but noe body knows his crime his Ears are cut off pray give us yor answere to this in yor: next. Wee are,

Yo^{r}: affectionate ffriends,

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF Y^{E} PACQUETT.

1. Copy of ye R: H. C. Gen^{ll}: Letter to Bombay, dated 8th July 1698.
2. Copy ditto to ditto, dated 19th July 1698.
3. Abstract of an Act of Parliament for setling ye East India trade.
4. Dissent of Severall Lords to the said Act.
5. Resolves of a Gen^{ll}: Court of Adventurers.
6. Fort S^{t}: George Generall Lett^{r}: dated 21st March 1698/9.
7. Assay Master his report of 17 F.S.D. Pag^{s} :
8. Copy of F.S.G. Gen^{ll}. to the French att Pollicherry.
9. List of Debts owing by Severall Souldiers at F^{t}: S^{t}: David.
10. List of goods agreed for in Fort S^{t}: George.
11. Musters of Neckcloths.

No. 25.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 29TH: MARCH 1699.

TO THE R^T: WORSP^LL: WILLIAM HATSELL,
ESQ^R: DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^A:
COUNCILL ATT FORT S^t: DAVID.

S^rs:

This comes by M^r: Wendy and M^r: Cranwell in Comp^a: of whom by 12 Peons wee have sent you 6000 Pag^s:

Inclosed is Invoice of w^t: sent you by the S^t: David Briggantine and the Masters receipts for he went off without signing Bills of Ladeing.

By a Danes ship called ye Prince Charles arrived here last night from Trincombarr wee rec^d: letters from the Govern^r: [and] from Liev^t: Delgardner wherein they advise that on ye 22^d ins^t: they made a sally w^th: good success beating ye Enemy thrice out of their trenches, but that their Black souldiers in the heat of action retreated w^ch: forced the Europe men to doe the like, but that their spyes inform about 100 of the Enemy's were killed and 70: wounded, on the Danes side none were killed and but 12 wounded tho' none dangerously.

Liev^t: Delgardner, desireing some [musquett] flints and cartridge paper for small Arms, wee herew^th: send 200 flints wh^ch: wee desire you to send him w^th: some cartridge paper.

Wee are informed that the French, bro^t: out a great quantity of musquett flints and that they sold 2,000 for a rupee in Bengall, wee desire you to gett 15 or 16,000 from Pollicherry if procureable.

Ship Sedgwick arrived here ye 26: ins^t: and brought us 151 bales, Wee are,

Yo^r: affectionate ffriends,
THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF Y^E PACQUETT.

1. Gen^ll: lr̃e Dated ye 29th March 1699.
2. Invoice of W^t: sent ℘ St David Briggantine.
3. The master of D^o Briggantine rec^d: N^o: 1 to 5.

No. 26.

FORT S^T: GEORGE MAR 30TH: 1699.

TO THE HON^BLE: CLAUS VOOGT GOVERN^R:
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE ROY^LL: DANISH
COMP^A: &C^A COUNCILL, ATT TRINCOMBARR.

S^RS:

Wee rec^d: both yo^rs: of ye 19th & 26 Ins^t: & heartily congratulate ye Victory you mention in yor letter you obtain'd ags^t: yor Enemys & hope that yor: future success will be such [as] obleidge them to implore [hon'ble] peace on yor: own term's.

Wee recd: yor: Honr: &ca: rect: for ye stores and Capt Delgardner's rect: for the arms.

Yor: Royll: Comps: ship Prince Charles intended for Maneela shall have our utmost assistance and encouragemt: to compleat her freight but yt trade lyes under some discouragemt: here at present, for that one of our ships arriveing here lately from Maneela gives us an accot: yt: goods of this place are very cheap there besides wee have two considerable Manilla ships of this port missing till ye arriveall of wch: our Merchts: will not be very forward in adventure on yt voyage.

Wee here inclose to yor: Honr: &ca: a list of ye names of ye Officers, souldiers & Gunners wth: an accot: of their monthly pay wch; was cleared to ye first of this month when they were drawn out for ye Expedition to you, Capt: Delgardner's name is not in the list being entertained on ys occasion for your service understanding your language & custom's having for[merly] served yor: Nation in Europe, who will interpret yt: list wee here inclose for wch: reason wee have not translated it.

Wee wish yor: Honr: &ca: all health & happiness & good success to yor: arms & wt: ever wee can contribute thereto you may depend on for that, wee are,

SRS:

Yor: Honrs: &ca: most faithfull friends
& humble servts:

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 27.

FORT ST: GEORGE APRLL: 4TH 1699.

TO MESSRS: THOMAS LOVELL & SAMLL: WOOLSTON MERCHANTS ATT METCHLEPATAM.

SRS:

Yors: of ye 21st & one from Mr: Woolston dated 24th: past wee recd: ye ℘mo Inst: In ye first you give an accot: of Capt: Dixon's arriveall at Metchlepatam in his boat having unfortunately lost his ship on Due Point and your intention of sending Mr: Woolston to [. . . .] the saving wt: on board belonging to the Rt: Honble; Compa: in wch: you did very well as also in procureing the Governrs: order to ye Sub Governr: to give you their assistance.

Mr: Woolston in his lre dated 24th: advise yt ye treasure &ca belonging to the Rt: Honble: Compa: & laden for yor: place & the 36 bales aurora for Bengall were all saved that had not recd: any dammage.

Wee have prevailed wth: ye owners ship Sedgwick to let her touch at Metchlepatam to take in ye R. H. Compas: Bales to carry them to Bengall & accordingly have ordered Capt: Dixon to deliver sd: bales to you wch: wee order you to lade on board ship Sedgwick consigning ye same to ye Agent & Councill of Bengall, Inclosed is Capt: Dixon's 2d: bill of Ladeing wch: you must endorse & deliver him when you have recd: ye bales.

Demand of him our Pacquett directed to the Agent & Councill of Bengall & send it them, wee are

Yo[r] : Loveing friends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 28.

FORT S[T] GEORGE 4TH APRIL 1698/9.

TO CAP[T] : CHRISTOPHER DIXON.

S[r] :

Wee are sorry for y[e] misfortune of yo[r] : ships [running] ashoar of w[ch] : wee are advised by Mess[rs] : Lovell & Woolston and also y[t] the treasure belonging to the R[t] : Hon[ble] : Comp[a] : &c[a] Laden on board her for Metchlepatam & Bengall is saved having agreed w[th] : y[e] owners of ship Sedgwick to let her touch at Metchlepatam in her way to Bengall to take in y[e] 36 : bales of aurora laden on board ship Wellcome for that place wee order you to deliver said bales to Mess[rs] : Lovell & Woolston, to whom wee have sent your 2[d] bill of Ladeing & order'd them upon receipt of y[e] bales to Endorse y[e] same and deliver it to you, Deliver also our pacquett directed to the Agent & Councill of Bengall that the same may be sent them by y[e] Sedgwick, wee are

Yo[r] : Loveing friends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 29.

FORT S[T] GEORGE APRIL 4TH 1699.

TO THE R[T] : WORSP[LL] : THE AGENT &C[A] : COUNCILL OF BENGALL.

S[r] :

℘ Sedgwick. Our last to you was dated y[e] 18th March ℘ship Wellcome, w[ch] : ship (wee are advised by letters from Metchlepatam, unfortunately run ashoar on Due Point, but all her cargoe was saved.

This comes by Ship Sedgwick whose owners wee have prevailed to lett the ship touch att Metchlepatam to take in the 36 bales of Aurora that were [laden] on the Wellcome for Bengall and have ordered Messrs Lovell & Woolston to lade the same on board the Sedgwick and to consigne them to you, Wee are

Yo[r] : Loveing friends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 30.

Fort St: George April 14th: 1699.

To the Honble: Claus Voogt Governr:
for affairs of the Royll ⊔a: sinh
Compa: &ca Councill att Trincombarr.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

Wee recd: yors: of ye 5 inst: & heartily congratulate ye victory you obtained over yor: Enemys ye 30th past wee are well pleased wth: ye Character you give our men and if they behave themselves well & doe you service they answere the end for wch: wee sent them, Wee wish success to yor: arms, and an [honble] peace, and wt: wee can contribute thereunto you may depend on from us, who are

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Yor: most affectionate friends
& humble servants

Thomas Pitt.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.

No. 31.

Fort Sr George April 24th: 1699.

To the Honble: Claus Voogt Governr: for
affairs of ye Royll: Danish Compa:
&ca Councill att Trincombarr.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

Wee are inform'd that you are treating for a peace wth ye king of Tanjore wch: wee wish may be [upon] honble: Terms [. . . .] your satisfaction & if [. . .] wee desire you to returne our men to us here [. . .] as possible & whereas Capt: Delgardner is dangerously wounded wee desire you to send him to Fort St David or hither to prevent ye misfortune of looseing his leg. Wee wish yor: Honr: &ca: all prosperity and are

Srs:
Yor: most faithfull friends
& humble servants

Thomas Pitt.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.

No. 32.

FORT ST: GEORGE APRIL 25TH 1699.

TO THE RT: WORSPll: WILLIAM HATSELL ESQR:
DEPUTY GOVERNR: OF FORT ST: DAVIDS &CA: COUNCILL.

SR:

You were formerly advised yt Mr: Fraser would set out hence ye 26th instant in ye Evening but upon some news from ye camp, wee have thought fitt to adjourne itt for some few days. Arma John being at the camp writes to Coja Safter here that there is an Armenian come thither from the kings camp who tells him yt just as he left it there was three Goosbardars dispatch'd to Suratt, Bengall & other pts: commanding his Governr: to Interdict all trade wth: Hattmen, and that day Arma John dispatch'd his lre in the morning the Nabob recd: ye Kings Phirmaund wch: after he read putt itt up and not gave it the Bux &ca as usuall that Evening Arma John wth: Mahomud Saddock the Nabobs Jewder (who generally resides here who told him that ye Nabob had orders to make warr upon the Europeans, you were best [. . . . .] soe they may [. . . . .] goods as fast as they come of the loome, Wee will answere yor: Letters by Mr: Fraser and give our opinions as to the particulars of the contract, yor: Sallampores are certainly too great a quantity here is come yesterday morning to trivilycane wth: a pretence of seeing the sea, and the pagodae one Raising wth: about 400 Horse & 300 ffoote, wee are all upon our guard tis hoped he will be gone in few days. wee are

Yor. Loveing friends
THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 33.

FORT ST: GEORGE 30TH: APRIL 1699.

TO THE DEPUTY GOVERNR: & CA COUNCILL ATT FORT ST: DAVID.

SRS:

Yors: of ye 25th wee have recd: Inclos'd is a coppy of a Lre wee recd: from ye Genll: &ca dated 28th Febry last & a parag: of another from Ditto dated 30th March by ye former you will perceive wt: troubles they have had at Suratt on accot: of the Pyratt's and by the latter wt: may be expected all over the Mogulls Dominions, and wee are apprehensive that yor: place nor this will not be long free for that wee are inform'd Jemzier Cawn is orderd: to Chellumbrum wth: a considerable number, both of horse and ffoote and on Thursday last Dow'd Cawn, came to St: Thoma wth: about 200 men under pretence of comeing to see the sea, but wt: his reall designs are is uncertaine our last letters from ye Camp advise that the Nabob had pitch'd his Tent on Conjeveron road & design'd to march suddainly but twas not known whether or [on] wt: designe and that 10 or 20 Horsemen marched out of the camp every [. . .] could not inform [. .] self whether they went. Wee are useing our endeav[our] to put our selves into ye best posture of defence and desire you to doe ye like wth: all expedition [to prevent] surprize.

Wee are in great want of match & [fire] wood therefore desire you to supply us wth: as much of [both] as you can procure hireing boats to bring it hither.

Wee would have you make as much powder as you can for that wee have not soe greate a store as wee ought for want of charcoale to make it.

Send us a list of yor: Garrison stores particularly ye quantity of powder & number of serviceable match & firelock musquetts. Wee are

S^rs:

Yo^r: affectionate friends

Send us about a boat of charcoale for to make powder.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 34.

TO THE HON^BLE: S^R: JOHN GAYRE K^T:, GEN^LL: OF INDIA &C^A COUNCILL ATT BOMBAY.

FORT S^T. GEORGE MAY 2^D: 1699.

S^rs:

Yo^re: of ye 28 of Feb^ry & 30th: of March & copy of on[e] dated the 4th October the originall whereof never came to our hands, wee have rec^d: ℣ship Nonesuch.

Before wee could obtaine the Nabobs perwanna for Fort S^t: David it cost our masters near 15,000 Pag^s:

Wee did receive from M^r: Brabourne, &c^a., Copys of the R^t: Honble: Comp^s: overland l̃res of ye 8th & 19th July abstract of the Act of Parliament, & the Resolves of the Generall Court of the Adventurers wherein they seem resolved to send out a considerable number of ships and a proportionable stock whose arriveall wee daily expect, and in order to make provision of goods for Ladeing them home have made contracts on this coast for about 250,000 Pa^s: and question not but to give them timely dispatches if not prevented by troubles from ye Governm^t:

On ye 7th feb^ry: last the Tavestock was dispatched from Bengall for England w^th: a Cargoe amo^ts: to above ten & halfe lack of rup^s: and on ye 22^d: Ditto wee dispatched the Martha full laden from hence her Cargo amounting to 120,000 Pag^s on ye former Agent Eyre, tooke his passage and on ye latter the late president Yale. The Anna also sailed from Bengall ye last of feb^ry w^th: a Cargoe of above 3¼ lack of rup^s; wch tho' late, she being an Excellent sailor, question not but she will save her passage about ye Cape, soe that wee have [none] of ye Comp^s: ships remaineing on this side India but daily expect ye arriveall of some from England.

Wee shall send ye Agent &c^a: of Bengall Copys of yor: letters by ye first conveyance as wee have long since done of those papers wee rec^d: from Anjengo.

Wee are heartily sorry for those troubles they meet w^th: at Surrat on acco^t: of the pirats, but by w^t: means to remedy them wee cannot tell nor how to prevent those wee are apprehensive of in these p^ts: for wee doe not see ye least probability of Extirpating the Piratts, whose number[s] daily increase wee have lately rec^d: advise of a pink of about 300 Tons Thom^s: Gullock Commd^r: that came out an Interloper whose Comp^a: when ye Capt & Supra Cargoe were gone ashoar on the [Island] of Pullanays run away w^th: ye vessell & are turn'd piratts.

Wee observe w^t: you write about the Mogulls having issued out orders for stopping all trade here w^ch: orders, wee beleive Zulpaker Cawn has rec^d: and by ye motions of his army & advices from ye Camp have too much reason to suspect he design's to put 'em in execution wee are makeing ye best preparation wee can for our defence.

This comes by an Armenian Cossett soe that wee have not time before its departure to Examine M^{r}: Sherrors' business but shall remit an acco^{t}: thereof by the next, wee are

S^{rs}:

Yo^{r} humble servants

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 35.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: STEPHEN COLT PRESID^{T}:
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T} HON^{BLE}: ENG^{S}:
EAST INDIA COMP^{A}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT
SURRATT.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE MAY 2^{D} 1699.

S^{rs}:

Yo^{rs}: of ye 17th March last ℘ Nonesuch wee rec^{d}: the 26th past, wth: ye copys of yo^{rs}: dated 28 Xber & 2^{d} Jan^{ry}: the originalls whereof wee rec^{d}: overland ye 10th: Feb^{ry}: but that of ye 20th: of October never came to our hands.

Wee are heartily sorry for the troubles you meet wth: on acco^{t}: of the piratts and the impedim^{t}: our Masters affairs are likely to suffer, but how to prevent either wee can't tell nor can wee see any probability of extirpating the Piratts for that their numbers daily increase wee have lately rec^{d}: advice of a pink of about 300 Ton^{s} Thom^{s}: Gullock Commd^{r}: y^{t} came out an Interloper whose Comp^{a}: when the Capt^{t}: and supra Cargoe were gone ashoare on ye Island Pullanays run away wth: the vessell and are turn'd piratts.

Wee are very apprehensive of trouble on ye same acco^{t}: it being reported y^{t} Zulphaker Cawn is ordered to come against this place, & severall great officers have lately come near it under pretence of comeing to see the sea but w^{t} their reall designs are is uncertaine. Wee are making ye best provision wee can for our defence.

On ye 7th: febr^{ry}: last ship Tavestock was dispatched for England from Bengall wth: a Cargoe amo^{ts}: to above ten & half lack of rup^{s}: and on y^{e} 20th Ditto wee dispatch'd the Martha full laden from hence her cargoe amounting to about 120000 pag^{s}: on the former Agent Eyre, tooke his passage & on y^{e} latter the late President Yale. The Anna also sailed for Engl^{d} the last of Feb^{ry}: wth: a cargoe of above $3\frac{1}{4}$ lack rup^{s}: so that wee have none of the Comp^{s}: ships on this side India but daily expect the arriveall of some from Engl^{d}: wee wish yor: Hon^{r}: &c^{a} may receive noe further trouble. Wee are

S^{rs}:

Yo^{r}: affectionate friends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 36.

To the Honble : Monsr : Martin Directore
&c^a^ Councill att Pollicherry.

Fort S^t^ : George May [...] 1699.

S^rs^.

Wee rec^d^ the Hon^r^ : of yo^rs^ : by those worthy Gentlemen Messrs De S^t^ : Mare & De Chalonge who gave us large assurances of yor : friendship to our satisfaction w^ch^ : on our side wee shall endeavour to preserve having an unexpressible vallue & honour for ye same wee wish yor : Hon^r^ : &c^a^ : all health and prosperity and are

S^rs^ :

Yo^r^ : most obleidged & obedient servants

Thomas Pitt.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt : Empson.

No. 37.

To William Fraser Esqr Deputy Govern^r^
&c^a^ Councill att Fort St Davids.

Fort St George 15th May 1699.

S^rs^ :

Yo[u] : receive this by William Fraser Esqr : who wee send to succeed William Hatsell Esqr : as Deputy Govern^r^ : of Fort St Davids as youl'e see by our Commission given him to w^ch^ : wee referr you.

Wee not only expect from you Gentlemen of the Council that you pay him all due respect but that you informe him to the utmost of your power & endeavours of the present state of the Comp^s^ : affairs & that you give him yor : advice & assistance in ye good mannagement thereof, Wee cheifely recommend to you the retrenchm^t^ : of expences the encrease of trade [and Revenues] as also the good sortment of yor : Goods washing and packing.

The number of the Councill & their station is order'd in the Commission, and the reason of our posting M^r^ : Robert Cranwell as he now stands is grounded upon a petition he presented us (copy of w^ch^ : and our result comes inclosed. But if at any time it shall be made appeare to us that he is not capacitated or qualifyed for y^t^ : post wee shall reduce him, or any other w^th^ : out regard to their seniority for that wee will not permitt the Comp^s^ : affairs to suffer thro' the imbecillity or neglect of dischargeing the Duty of any of their servants.

The 17 pag^s^ : you sometime since sent us to bee assay'd was very strictly inspected by our assay Master therefore if you have the same number sealed up & coyned at the same time wee desire you to send 'em hither & one of yor : mint w^th^ : them.

Wee sent M^r^ : Haynes's paper to Bengall relateing to the silk wormes an answere to w^ch^ : wee here send you.

Wee likewise inclose y^e^ : Journall ℘ cells of M^r^ : Haynes's Debt to the Company to w^ch^ : wee expect his answere or his paym^t^ : of ye same into their cash.

The Govern^r^ : here w^th^ : y^e^ : advice of councill has wrote severall letters to the Nabob &c^a^ : concerning Mollem's Ellephants upon w^ch^ : here has been reports that there was possitive orders given for y^e^ : restoreing the two that are alive the [other] 'tis said is dead.

Wee send you by M^r^ : ffraser pag^s^ : 2000 and shall send you about 3000 more by the Loy^ll^ : Capt : Wee think yor : quantity [of Sa]lampores to [. . .]

w[ch] : wee would have reduced to about 12000 & the quantity of Longcloth increased and wee desire you [to get] procureing w[t] : neckcloths possibly you can & lett them bee twisted.

Wee rec[d] : the match you sent us w[ch] : weigh[d] : but 9 : 16 : 10 and the 114 firelocks w[ch] : shall be fitted and return'd you as soon as possible and will send you 20 candy of saltpetre for that you ought not to have less in store then 100 candy of powder wee desire you to send us ten candy more of match and the charcoale but see y[t] : it is y[e] : best sort for powder wee daily expect. the firewood w[ch] : if it bee cheap send us at least 300,000 billetts.

Wee take notice of w[t] : you write of the Dutch Godowne being in the middle of one of y[e] : streets at Tevenapatam, and that if you should come to action it would impeede the cleareing the streets w[th] : yo[r] : cannon. We would have you represent it to them, who it may bee will give their consent for y[e] : pulling it downe otherwise we shall thinke of some Effectuall way to answere our end.

Wee here inclose the proceedings of Court against Pangle Jango by w[ch] : you'le perceive y[t] : Judgment is given against him for pag[s] : 289 : 11 : 29 due to John Styleman Esq[r] : w[ch] : wee order to bee demanded of him, and if he refuses or delays paym[t] : that he bee secured there or sent hither. We are

Yo[r] : humble servants

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

1. Generall Letter dated 15th : May 1699.
2. Robert Cranwell's request.
3. M[r] : Halseys relation concerning silk wormes.
4. Journall parcells relateing to John Haynes.
5. Ditto account currant.
6. Proceedings of the Mayors Court against Jango.

No. 38.

FORT S[T] : GEORGE MAY Y[E] : 16TH : 1699.

To MESS[RS] : LOVELL & WOOLSTON
ATT METCHLEPATAM.

S[RS] :

Wee rec[d] : yo[rs] : of y[e] : 2[d] : instant w[th] : y[e] : inclosed papers relateing to the ground rent for part of the Comp[s] : ffactory w[ch] : wee will consider off and very speedily give 'em answere.

Yo[rs] : of y[e] : 14th : past w[th] : y[e] Vizagapatam pacquett is miscarried into w[ch] : wee would have you strictly enquire. Wee observe M[r] : Noden do's not signe the Gen[ll] : letter w[th] : you, w[th] : all speed send us coppies of the Pacquett lost and hasten the getting in of the investment for that wee now expect ships every day. Wee are

S[rs] :

Yo[r] : assured friends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 39.

To William Fraser Esqr: Deputy
Governour &c^a^ Councill att Fort
S^t^: Davids.

Fort S^t^: George 23^d^: May 1699.

S^rs^:

Wee rec^d^: yo^rs^: of y^e^: 16th: instant w^th^: y^e^: invoice of small armes & match. Overland.

Wee daily expect the arriveall of our Europe ships and as any call on you wee would have you send w^t^: bales you [have] then ready [hither] you can contrive for her to take in w^t^: firewood wee have ready att that time but for that you must [. . .] ship w^th^: treasure.

Wee shall pay the three bills drawn on us for pag^s^: 2340 as soon as presented and due & you may draw on us for 2000 more for that the Loy^ll^: Capt: does not proceed on her intended Voyage to Acheene.

Saltpetre wee shall send you 20 tons as soon as possible the sorts of paper you want wee can't supply you w^th^: till y^e^: arriveall of the shipps. Wee are

Yo^r^: humble servants

Thomas Pitt.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.

No. 40.

Fort S^t^: George 29th: May 1699.

To the R^t^: Worsp^ll^: John Beard
Esqr: Agent &c^a^ Councill off
Bengall.

S^rs^:

Our last was y^e^: 4th: April ℔ ship Sedgwick since w^ch^: wee have rec^d^: yo^rs^: of y^e^: 17th: Feb^ry^ & 15th: & 16th: March last w^th^: y^e^: severall papers according to list.

Wee are glad to hear that you have dispatcht the Tavestock, & Anna, w^th^: full and rich ladings & wish them a safe arriveall w^th^: our masters.

Wee heartily congratulate M^r^: Beards accession to the Agency & wish him success in the mannagemen^t^: of the R^t^. Honble: Comp^s^: affairs under his direction.

The Chutanutta Buoyer so soon as unladen, was according to yor: desire put up to sale by outcry & [sold for] 300 pag^s^: w^ch^: sume is brought to the credit of Bengall Agency.

Our accomptant has not yet leisure to examine the acco^ts^: you remitted us w^th^: our Booke w^ch^: when done will advise you whether they agree or not.

The price of the broad cloth &c^a^: was very low, but you adviseing us in yor: letter y^e^: 18: November last to have contracted w^th^: Coja Surhaud Israel for 100,000 rup^s^: worth & desireing it might be sent by the first oppertunity, wee accordingly did send it, not knowing but your contract for it was possitive, the proviso you mention (if wee could not dispose of it at a better rate) not being inserted in said letter.

Inclosed are cop^s^: of 2 lres wee rec^d^: from y^e^: Generall &c^a^: dated 28th: feb^ry^: & 30th: March last and one from y^e^: President & Council of Surrat dated y^e^: 17th: March, wherein they give a large acco^t^: of ye troubles they have had and are like to meet w^th^: on acco^t^: of y^e^: piratts and wee were apprehensive of trouble here from y^e^: Governm^t^: on the same acco^t^: being advised that the Nabob had rec^d^: orders from

the King to stop all trade, and severall of the most considerable officers in his army came hither under pretence of seeing the sea tho' wee have reason to beleive their reall designs were to give us trouble w^ch : probably was diverted by seeing that wee were Jealous of them, and upon our guard to prevent surprizalls & since they are all return'd to y^e : camp, from whence wee are advised by our spies, that the King hath sent severall Goozbardars to call the Nabob & other great officers to him, but that they all delay goeing.

Wee are makeing the [best pro]vision wee can for ladeing home such of the R^t Honble : Comp^s : ships as shall be ordered for this Coast, and hope if they receive in time to dispatch one from hence directly for England in September. The want of packing stufe is a great disappointment to us not having sufficient wherew^th : to Embale our goods wee must therefore desire you to send us some w^t : ye severall other stores wrote for by the first oppertunity.

Wee have remitted the acco^t : you sent us relateing to M^r : Haynes to Fort S^t : David to w^ch : he promises an answere, but objects against them as defective in particulars, wee therefore desire you will send us ye particulars of his acco^t : out of yor : book's F. F. soe soon as you can.

By the people belonging to an Armenian ship w^ch : arrived here from Surratt the 20th : ins^t : wee are advised of the arriveall of the Shrewsbury Gally there who brought a pacquett for M^r : Lucas & is reported to belong to the new Society & some of them say the Govern^r : had forced a sume of money from ye President, w^ch : if true, tis probable M^r : Lucas hath by declareing that the Comp^a : is disolved and a new one Established strove to incense the Govern^r : against us the more easily to effect his own designs they alsoe advise that the Shrewsbury Gally's men reported y^t : they came out in company w^th : 12 saile of men of warr & merch^t : men bound for India, but their vessell being an extraordinary sailor left them wee have noe advices from ye President &c^a : , therefore can't tell [. . .] creditt to give to these reports, wee are

S^rs :

Yo^r : affectionate friends and servants

Thomas Pitt.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt : Empson.

No. 41.

Fort St : George May 31st 1699.

To Messrs : Lovell & Woolston
att Metchlepatam.

S^rs :

Our last was dated 16th : ins^t : & on ye 17th : wee rec^d : yo^rs : dated 3^d : & 12th : April w^th : ye Vizagapat^m : Pacquet mentioned in our last to be miscarried.

Wee approve of your concludeing the contract w^th : yor : merch^ts : and must require you to use yor : utmost endeavours for getting a good number of bales ready by ye midle of July for that wee designe then to send one of the expected Europe ships to fetch them, Wee have discoursed Narran concerning his promise made the Merchants for their being exempted from a Dustore, and he declares that he never made them any such promise but [on] certaine conditions w^ch : were not then excepted, nor can wee remitt it.

Since you advise M^r : Noden has accepted our offer & taken ye oath of fidelity to ye Comp^a : wee can't understand the reason why he do's not signe the Letters.

Wee are glad our present to the Govern^{r}: was acceptable, and has ye designed effect w^{ch}: was to engage his friendship & thereby prevent any infringment of our proceedings.

Wee think you did well in selling all the lead & broad [cloth] together and shall send you no more of the latter till further advises from you, wee are

Yo^{r}: Loveing friends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOM^{S}: WRIGHT.
MATT. EMPSON.

No. 42.

FORT ST: GEORGE JUNE 2^{D} 1699.

To MESS^{RS}: LOVELL & WOOLSTON
MERCH^{TS}: ATT METCHLEPATAM.

S^{rs}:

Since ours of ye 31st past here is arrived ye Neptune Capt: Lesly from England who wee designe to bee the pepper ship and in 15 days time shall dispatch her to you to take in w^{t}: bales you have ready.

By this conveyance Capt: Phrip wee have sent you for the R^{t} Honble: Comp^{s}: Acco^{t}: Pag^{s}: 2500 for w^{ch}: is here inclosed a bill of Ladeing & M^{r}: Eustaces's order for you to draw a bill on us for w^{t}: cash you have of his.

Wee have advise that there is an opposite interest sett up against our M^{ers}: in England who this season designe ships out for all parts and in order to prevent their effecting any thing considerable wee think it necessary to settle for ye present, two of ye Comp^{s}: servants att Madapollam & immediately to make an investment wth: ye Madapollam Merch^{ts}: who in March last wrote us about it their lre & translate wee here inclose and ye Madapollam Musters shall be sent you by the Neptune on whom wee shall send you some money and a factor or two more of the Comp^{s}: and in the meanetime. [. . .] would have you send M^{r}: Woolston with about 6 peons to keep possession of the Comp^{s} Factory at Madapollam ordering him to hoist a S^{t}: George's flagg as formerly at Emaldee putting a person to looke after it & y^{t}: you alsoe hoist the same flag at Metchlepatam and you must likewise use your endeavours to prevent their having any footeing at Pettipollee.

The Company writes very earnestly for the following goods vizt:

Beeteela's Golcondah.
Podovetzs Betteelas.
D^{o}: Gunapore.
D^{o}: Rowalue.
D^{o}: Tarnattana.
Dimitty's fine & course.
Sheets Gingham.

If you could gett 5 or 10 bales of each sort it would be of great service to the Comp^{a}: who write us that shaded thin muslin is now much in request in England therefore would have yor: beetteelas to be as many of y^{t}: sort as possible.

Wee designe in few days to send downe Narrau againe to yor: assistance and by ye first boat which will be in 2 or 3 days shall send you a bill of Exchange for 3000 pag^{s}: you must bestir yor: selves & use yor: utmost endeavours to prevent

the new adventurers factors, makeing any investment or obtaineing a settlement for should they doe either t'would Justly create a jealousey in our Masters yt wee had either connived at wt: they did or assisted them in it besides the disgrace to us all if persons just on their comeing into the countrey should be able to vye wth: us in any respect who have such considerable settlement [. . .] such interest wth: ye Governr. Wee are

Srs:

Yor: assured friends

Thomas Pitt.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.

List of the Pacquett.

1. Generall lre dated 2d June 1699.
2. Bill Ladeing for treasure laden on ship Thankfull.
3. Mr: Eustace his order to Messrs: Lovell &ca:
4. Letter from ye Merchts: at Madapollam to the President &ca:
5. Translate of Do: Letter.

No. 43.

Fort St: George June 2d 1699.

To Mr: Simon Holcombe &ca Councill for the Rt: Honble: Comps: affairs att Vizagapatam.

Srs:

Wee recd: yors: of ye 4th April & observe the investment you have made in strip't Betteelas wch: wee hope are fine, thin & shady, yt sort both plaine & stript are most in demand at present in England having been advised thereof lately from our Masters, by their ship Neptune Capt: Lesly Commdr who arrived here ye last of past month who left England ye 14th Janry: last & brings us an accot: of 6 ships more of our masters comeing for the Coast & Bay.

This ship wee designe for Engld: in September & in about 15 days intend to dispatch her hence for Metchlepatam, where she is to take in wt: bales are ready & then to proceede to yor: port on wch: ship wee intend to send you about 10,000 pags: a moyetye of wch: shall be rups: as you desire.

Wee hope you have all things in such [readiness] by the time of her arriveall wth: you as yt youl'e dispatch her to us againe at furthest by ye 20th: of Augt: wee must desire you to send us up by that ship good store of Gunney's of ye best sort, ropes & twine without wch: wee shall not be able to embale the Comps: goods here.

Tis confirm'd to us by that ship what wee formerly advised you of a society setting up agst: our Masters and that some of their ships will be out this season, wch: all of us in discharge of our trust, must use our utmost endeavours to prevent their making investments or settlements.

If yor Godown's are in soe miserable a condition as you represent them wee then think it necessary that you repair them so far as to prevent ye Comps: goods being damaged.

Wee must remind you to gett in the Comp^{s}: Debts w^{ch}: wee hope to hear you have already done in good part if not all, wee are

Yo^{r}: Loveing friends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 44.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE JUNE 2^{D}: 1699.

TO THE WORSP^{ll}: MATT: MILDMAY DEPUTY GOVERN^{R}: OF YORK FORT &C^{A}: COUNCILL.

S^{rs}:

Capt: Phrip being bound on a voyage to Bengall and Acheen & probably from thence to yor: port before he returns hither, wee have agreed wth: him that in case he calls there & you have a quantity of Pepper in yor: Godowns w^{ch}: you can spare us, that he shall bring the same hither on freight [. . for the] R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: [at 16] ℘ cent w^{ch}: is a reasonable rate and therefore [desire] you to lade on him for this place so much as you can spare w^{ch}: will help us to fill up the many ships designed for this coast of w^{ch}: one called the Neptune arrived here the 31st past, wee are

Yo^{r}: humble servants

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOM^{S}: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 45.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE JUNE 3^{D}: 1699.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: S^{R}: JOHN GAYRE GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT BOMBAY.

S^{rs}:

Since ours to you of ye 2^{d}: of May here arrived from England, the Neptune Capt: Lesly the ultimo D^{o}: burthen 275 tons she left the Downs the 14th: Jan^{ry}: and came thr'ô, w: thout touching, her Invoyce amo^{ts}: to in Bullion lead cloth & stores £ [*Lacuna in the original*] & brings an acco^{t}: of six ships more bound to this place & the Bay, with a stock of £200,000 to ye latter & £100,000 to us and that the Bedford, Charles the 2^{d}: & Hampsheire were Entertain'd for Suratt.

According to the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: order wee send you a copy of their Generall lre to us dated the 30th: of December.

Wee have not time at present to send you all papers relateing to M^{r}: Sherror's business but inclose his affidavit to the most materiall part wth: his acco^{t}: wth: the Gentlemen at Persia.

Wee advised you in our former that severall [party's] of the army were hovering about this place & the most considerable Generalls wth: them who pitch'd their tents in our bounds & brought wth: them a recommendatory lre from the Nabob, by their action wee are Jealous that they come to view the avenues, & ye out fortifications, having severall months agoe bin informed that they intended to attack this place in ye mon^{s}: of October & November, being a season that noe ships can lye in the roade to carry of the Riches of the [Place]. Wee are makeing the best provision wee can against y^{t} time, and are fortifying the Black Towne at the charge of ye inhabitants, thô our Masters have sent us no arms & but two men both w^{ch}: wee extreamly want.

When Selimon Cawn surprized Cuddalore he drove away 3 Ellephants belonging to one of the inhabitants w^{ch}: Arma John when he was in the camp & spent soe much money could not gett them restored but having lately importuned the Nabob by Letters and some of the considerable men in the Camp wee have at last got them to be restored, on[e] being Dead the other two were delivered us some few days since wth:out any charge w^{t}: construction to put upon this favour wee can't immagine.

This ship Neptune wee hope to dispatch hence for England in September wth: a very good cargoe wee rec^{d}: the bale of saloo's you sent us by the Nonesuch.

Letters from Zulphaker Cawn's camp advise that the king hath sent severall Goozburdars to call the Nabob to Court and that he is seemingly prepareing for his Journey but 'tis beleived by most y^{t} he will not goe at last.

June the 5th:

Yesterday in the after [noon .] ship Benjamin Cap^{tn}: John Brown Commd^{r}: arrived from Cadiz w^{ch}: brings us noe further advice then w^{t}: rec^{d}: ꝑ the Neptune.

Wee are

S^{rs}:

Yo^{r}: humble servants

THOMAS PITT.

JOHN STYLEMAN.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

ROGER BRADDYLL.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

1. Copy of Comp^{s}: Generall dated 30th: December 1698.
2. Fort S^{t}: George Gen^{ll}: lre dat^{d}: 3^{d} June 1699 to Bombay.
3. Copy of D^{o}: dated 2^{d} May 1699.
4. Copy of D^{o}: to Surrat 2^{d} May 1699.
5. M^{r}: Sherrors acco^{t}:
6. D^{os}: affidavit relateing to D^{os}: acco^{ts}:

No. 46.

FORT ST: GEORGE 5TH JUNE 1699.

TO THE WORSPLL: JOHN BRABOURNE
COMMODORE, &CA: COUNCILL AT ANJENGO.

Srs:

Inclosed is a pacquett for Bombay or Surrat, wch: a conveyance offers first for.

On ye ultimo last month arrived here Ship Neptune Capt Lesly Commdr who left England ye 14th Janry & yesterday ship Benjamin Capt: Brown Comdr: the latter came in Compa: wth the Sidney Capt Grantham Commdr: and the Josia Capt: Strutton from Cadiz & parted about 8 weeks agoe they being bound directly for Bengall for wch: place the Gracedieu Capt: Murrill sailed a fortnight before the Neptune left England and wee are advised by the Compa: that they had Entertain'd the Bedford, Charles the 2d: & Hampsheir for Surratt & that the Northumberland Gally sailed from Cadiz the 29th: October for Bombay. Wee are

Srs:

Yor: humble servants

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 47.

FORT ST: GEORGE 6TH JUNE 1699.

TO THE RT: WORSPLL: JOHN BEARD ESQR:
AGENT &CA: COUNCILL IN BENGALL.
Srs:

Our last was dated ye 29th past by ship Sirian Mercht: on ye 31st: Do ship Neptune Capt: Lesly Commdr: arrived here from England and on ye 4th instant ship Benjamin Capt: Browne the former advises that the Gracedieu Capt Merrill sailed from England directly for Bengall a fortnight before he left it wch: was on ye 14th Janry: last and the latter that the Sidney Capt: Grantham & Josia Capt Strutton came in Compa: wth: him for Cadiz and parted about 6 weekes agoe these two ships being bound directly for yor: port, where wee hope they are all safely arrived, Besides the ships aforemention'd the Rt Honble: Compa: advise that they designe the [Scepter] for this place and the East India Mercht: for the Bay.

Inclosed is a copy of the Rt: Honble: Compas: Generall lre to us dated 30th Decembr: 1698.

Wee hope to dispatch the Neptune directly for England in Septbr: and our present thoughts are to send the Benjamin to Bengall to take in saltpetre, & to be filled up wth: provisions wee are

Yor: affectionate friends
& servants

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 48.

FORT ST: GEORGE 9TH JUNE 1699.

TO MESSRS. LOVELL &CA FFACTORS ATT METCHLEPATAM.

Sr:

Wee have paid Narraine 3400 pags: and taken ye inclosed bills for ye same payable to yor Selves at three days sight, advise us if they are not punctually comply'd wth: for that our agreement wth: Narraine [. . . is] in case they are not, hee is to repay the moneys wth: countrey Interest, wee are

Yor: Assured ffriends to serve you

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 49.

FORT ST: GEORGE 12TH JUNE 1699.

TO WILLIAM FRASER ESQR: DEPUTY GOVERNR: &ca: COUNCILL ATT FORT St: DAVID.

Srs:

Overland. Yors: of ye 24th: May 2d & 3d instants wee have recd: wth: Invoice & bill of Ladeing for 58 bales Laden on the Benjamin & ye reasons you have not recd: answere to ym sooner was occasion'd by the Presidts: Indisposition.

If Mr: Cranwell is satisfyed wth: the station he is in, wee are so too.

Wee have writ to the Agent &ca of Bengall for a more perticular accot: of Mr: Haynes Debt out of their Book's F F wch: when recd: will bee remitted him.

ffifty candy of powder is two small a store for yor: Garrison and if you want Godowne room to keep more wee think you must finish that you have begun in ye doeing thereof be as frugall as possible.

You ought [not to] permit any powder to be made wth: in yor bounds, but wt is for the Compa: out of whose store you may supply those that have occasion whereby you will have a vend for powder yt has bin long made.

Mr: Styleman is not satisfyed wth: wt: you have done in relation to Jango nor have you complyed wth: the order in ours of ye 15th May wch: was if he refused or delayed paymt to secure him there, or send him hither, and not to take security for his appearance.

Yor: reasons for the Deputy Governours not receiving the cash seem to us very odd because every mons: accot: ought to be ballanced by the last day of the month or ye first of the next and the Ballance remaineing in cash carried to that months accot: & not to enter in the accot: for April any sums recd: in May such entreys being irregular.

The number of Comps: servants at yor: place are as [m]any now as wee doe find by the lists have bin at any one other time, and more then the Compa think necessary for carrying on their business at yor: place. Wee are glad to hear so good a character of Mr: Bugden & question not but you will give him suitable encouragemt: when oppertunity offers, wee know not of gratuities allowed to the Secrys: Employ at any other place besides fort St: George wch: was order'd by the Rt: Honble: Compa: as a reward for his Extraordinary trouble in the dispatch of ships.

It is very satisfactory to us to hear yor: Generall Book's are so well kept up and hope they will be copied & remitted hither time enough to send home wth: ours [. . .] send us soe soon as you can ye remainder of yor: acco^t: curr^t: which shall be examined wth: our Books and y^e: difference if any advised you.

You may let out the grounds wth: in the R^t: Honble: Comp^s: bounds for one, two or three years w^{ch}: you shall Judge most for their Interest but wee hope you will bring it up to, If not exceed w^t: formerly lett for w^{ch}: was near 10,000 chuckrums.

M^r: Berlu shall return to you very speedily. Inclosed is a Generall lre from ye R^t: Honble: Comp^a: to yor: place dated ye 28th October 1698. Also the copy of theirs to us of ye same Date.

The R^t: Honble: Comp^a: have sent us out no manner of factors provisions by either of these two ships of w^{ch}: wee are in as great want as you nor doe wee know where to procure any, but if wee can buy any shall send you some.

The money you drew upon us ℔ bills will wee hope be sufficient to carry on yor Investments till wee can send a larger supply w^{ch}: is design'd you ℔ ye Briggantine or Benjamine ye latter will bring you ye saltpetre &c^a desired except packing stufe whereof wee have none but w^t: is bought [here] at Dear rates, take in w^t: bales ready and ye charcoale & firewood of w^{ch}: wee desire a good quantity may be got ready.

Wee shall not detaine Rama Linga the cheife of your mint longer then necessary.

Thô wee would upon all occasions avoid expending our masters money yet wee think ye rebuilding ye wall of yor: ffort whereof you advice apart [. . .] down is to be absolutely necessary y^t it cannot be helped & therefore order you to goe about it wth: all expedition.

You will perceive by the copy of the R^t: Honble: Comp^s. lre (now sent you) that they order us to send some of their servants to take and keep possession of their factories & Porto Novo being so much nearer you then us wee would have you send one of our council wth: 3 or 4 peons to take and keep possession of their ffactories there at w^{ch}: place if any of those thin shadow muslins they mention in ye 11th paragraph are procureable at reasonable prizes, wee will send 2 or 3000 pag^s: to be invested therein, wee are

S^{rs}:
Yo^r: humble servants
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 50.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 19TH JUNE 1699.

TO M^R: LOVELL &C^A: FFACTORS
AT METCHLEPATAM.

S^{rs}:

Our last lres to you was dated ye 2^d & 9th: instants copy's whereof come inclosed wee intend very suddenly to dispatch ship Neptune for yor port & Vizagapatam for that she will hardly be able to touch at yor: port in her return hither. Wee are

Yo^r: assured ffriends to serve you
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 51.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 27TH: JUNE 1699.

To M^{R}: SIMON HOLCOMBE [CHIEFE]
&C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

S^{rs}:

Our last to you was dated ye 2^{d} instant (copy whereof comes inclosed) wherein wee have what material in yo^{rs} of ye 20th February & 4th April since w^{ch}: wee have rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of the 31st May & 7th Instant.

By y^{e} inclosed Invoice & bill of Ladeing youl'e see w^{t}: goods & treasure wee have laden on ship Neptune for yor: place & the reason why wee send you noe pag^{s}: is because you advise in yo^{rs}; of y^{e} 7th: instant to have drawn bills upon us for 5000 pag^{s}: payable to the Malacca $Merch^{ts}$: for Gold rec^{d}: of them, and in the postscript of y^{e} same letter you advise to have another bill for more Gold rec^{d}: of the same persons, but its amo^{t}: wee know not it being left blanck wee shall pay them both w^{n} demanded and when the Scepter arrives wee designe you a larger supply of money.

Wee take notice of w^{t}: you write concerning the Seer lascar's sending several roccas wherein he presses the cheife to come to Chicacul to y^{e} $Entertainem^{t}$: hee makes oñ y^{e} occasion of $circumci^{\tilde{n}}$: [of] his two Brothers and that it is resolved he goe, But wee think could it have bin evaded it had bin much better for tho' there may be no great inconveniency in the present cheifs goeing (if as you write the Seer Lascar has soe great a respect & Esteem for him) yet it may bee an ill president, & upon either of the Seer lascar or the cheife's removeing prove very inconvenient.

M^{r}; Lovell &c^{a} having advised that want of [*Incomplete at the end*].

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